The committee first discussed the "Hubbard-Donnelly" plan for converting part of Anoka into a facility for retarded children and part of Hastings into a facility for retarded adults. This plan was not well-accepted by the committee. Dr. Vail felt that he was "not ready" for a plan such as this. He favors establishing a new facility for children in the metropolitan area. Dr. Bartman did not favor this plan because the division of the population in this manner would be difficult to achieve and may not be desireable from the stand point of the patients' well being.

Building construction was a major topic as it directly relates to the utilization of facilities for the mentally ill for the mentally retarded.

Dr. Vail feels that the Building Commission may favor:

- 1. buildings planned and constructed for relatively short-term usage planned obsolescence for institutional construction.
- 2. flexibility in the construction of buildings so they may be effectively utilized for several different groups.

Empty bed space in many of the institutions for the mentally ill is a myth.

- 1. debatable as to how much space is needed 60, 70, 80 square feet.
- 2. as programs become more sophisticated more space is needed.
- 3. much of the "bed space" is unusable.
- 4. much of the space previously utilized as bed space is now used for other purposes.

Hastings Utilization

- 1. Staff at Hastings feels that it is unprepared to receive mentally retarded patients.
 - a) Lack of desireable space: Fear that admission of mentally retarded will produce overcrowding of past.
 - b) The staff is not professionally prepared to care for these people.
- 2. Hastings wants to develop into a facility for 600 patients through a building program. If this number can't be maintained with mentally-ill persons, mentally retarded individuals with psychotic manifestations will be admitted.
- 3. Dr. Vail wants to maintain Hastings and Anoka as mental hospitals with a capacity for diversification and begin developing from that point.
- 4. The building program at Hastings should not be curtailed but construction should be flexible to enable utilization of buildings by various groups and types of people. (mentally ill, mentally retarded, aged)

There was discussion concerning the utilization of Rochester State Hospital as a facility to serve the mentally retarded.

- 1. Rochester has a great deal of space available.
- 2. The Mayo Clinic is nearby and available.
- 3. The physical plant is excellent.
- 4. This facility could be utilized, in part, for the mentally retarded while Hastings receiving district could be expanded.

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Dr. Vail is going to give this suggestion further consideration.

The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 26 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 500 of the Centennial Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

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